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Dear Friends,

Although it's earlier than we may like, fall is coming and [great foliage is already showing in northern Wisconsin](#). It's time to get out and enjoy both the weather and fall colors with your friends and family! Temperatures aren't the only thing dropping - Wisconsin's unemployment rate dipped again.

Our state [added 7,200 jobs](#) from July to August as our unemployment rate dropped to 4.5%. We continue to be well below the national rate of 5.1%. There's even more good news for our area. A major employer is expanding. You can read more about that below.

As always, if you have any ideas on how to improve our great state, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Sen.Darling@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Sen.Darling@legis.wi.gov) or at 608-266-5830.

Sincerely,

Alberta Darling

**Local Employer Expands Thanks to WEDC**



Thanks to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), Quad/Graphics in Sussex [will be hiring 500 more workers!](#) This is the second time in two weeks, that WEDC has helped businesses expand right here in Wisconsin instead of expanding elsewhere.

Last week, Dollar General announced it [plans to build a 1-million-square-foot distribution center](#) in Janesville and hire 552 workers.

While WEDC has had its struggles, its investments are paying off for Wisconsin's workers.

**Listening Tour Announced**

Wisconsin Senate  
**Committee on Economic Development**  
Listening Tour

September 24th	Oak Creek
October 5th	Rhineland
October 8th	Appleton
October 12th	Menomonie
October 26th	Platteville

[WISenateGOP.com/News/Tour](http://WISenateGOP.com/News/Tour)

We want to expand the number of great economic development stories across the state. To do so, the Senate Economic Development Committee is going on the road to hear from job creators directly!

On Wednesday, I joined Senator Rick Gudex, who chairs the committee, to announce our tour.

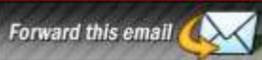
Senator Gudex is a real leader in improving our job creation climate. I'm excited to be a part of this tour and listen directly to job creators throughout our state.

I hope to see you at one of the tour stops. If you can't make it, please consider [submitting your ideas to improve Wisconsin's business climate](#).

**Links**



Senator Darling's Website



Join Our Mailing List!



Beyond the Blues is a fantastic fundraiser that supports people in our area who are suffering from depression. This year's event will be held on Saturday evening at Turner Hall in Milwaukee and features The Jacob Martin Band.

Please consider attending this great event:

Beyond the Blues  
Saturday, September 19, 2015  
6:30pm - Midnight  
Turner Hall  
1038 North 4th Street  
Milwaukee

For more information, please visit [here](#):

### **Darling Calls on GAB Head to Step Down**

The people of Wisconsin deserve fair and honest election watchdogs, which will never happen if Kevin Kennedy is in charge.

Thursday's [Wall Street Journal exposed](#) yet another attempt by Kennedy's rogue employees to rig the system to continue their witch hunt. It's clear from a recent audit and today's revelation, that the GAB was too busy chasing conspiracy theories to do their primary function of ensuring fair and open elections.

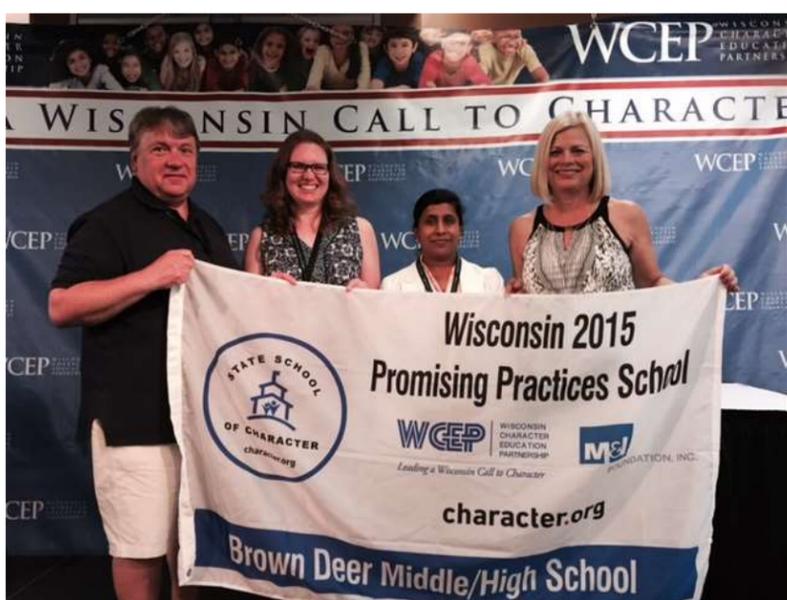
This week's revelation is just the latest exposing Kennedy's mismanagement and hyper-partisanship. In July, the Wall Street Journal exposed a coordinated effort by the GAB's Kevin Kennedy and the disgraced IRS head, Lois Lerner. It is clear that the harassment of conservative groups by Lerner at the federal level directly coincided with the harassment of conservative groups right here in our state.

The first step in reforming this broken and permanently tarnished agency is for the head of it to leave.

## Around the 8th...



This week, I had a visit from Ozaukee County Clerk Mary Lou Mueller! Thanks for stopping by!



(Photo Courtesy of School District of Brown Deer)

With special thanks to award sponsor M&I Foundation, [the Wisconsin Character Education Partnership Program awarded Brown Deer High School a Promising Practice Award](#) for their wonderful character education program! Congratulations to the students, families, teachers, school leaders and Superintendent Deb Kerr on the recognition for Brown Deer's great work!



(Photo courtesy of Nicolet High School)

[Five Nicolet High School](#) students were recently selected as National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. These great students emerged from a field of over 1.5 million students. They are now a part of a pool of 16,000 candidates who could receive one of 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million. This month, [Milwaukee Area Technical College \(MATC\) introduced the MATC Promise](#) - a onetime scholarship program for 2016 high school graduates. The full tuition scholarship program is funded by the MATC Foundation and its generous donors - not by taxpayers. You can receive more information on the program [here](#) or by contacting my office.